

AGENDA

HIAWATHA PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

October 14th, 2014

MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers .

1. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Approval of:
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes of past meetings – September 9, 2014
3. Business:
 - a. Hiawatha Kids League
4. Reports
Monthly Park and Recreation Update

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Hiawatha Parks and Recreation



To: Park and Recreation Commission
CC: Mayor and City Council
From: Kelly Friedl, Park and Recreation Director
Date: October 14th, 2014
Re: Park and Recreation Report

Business:

Hiawatha Kids League Request for Guthridge Park base ball diamonds

Please see the request from Rick Sizemore for Guthridge Park ball diamonds. These dates will work on the calendar with the normal exception of Hog Wild Days June 13-24.

Recreation Updates:

Concepts for NW Territory: Nick Streng, the City Construction Observer and I have been working together to develop a few concepts for the North West territory land options. We have sat down with Kim and the city Engineer to discuss our likes and dislikes and will revise the concepts to take to the land owners for their next meeting. These will give the land owners ideas of what we are imagining and if they would be interested in selling their land to us. We will get more in depth with your suggestions once we know when we get a yes or no answer.

Hiawatha Kids Movie Night: The first kids movie night was held on September 12th featuring “The Nut Job” with about 25 kids in attendance. Spy Kids will be shown on October 10th for our Halloween showing. We are working to revamp the kids movie nights and increase our participation.

Movies on the Square 2015: Our department staff is looking into quotes for the purchase of our own mobile movie equipment to have Movies on the Square in Guthridge Park at the Bandshell instead of New York Life. We will be asking the Friends Foundation to help with any expenses along from the sponsorships we receive. Last year we raised \$8,000.00 in Sponsorships, so I believe we will be able to pay for most of the equipment from that funding. We have also thought about doing a tailgate next fall for an away Iowa game!

Farmers Market: The Hiawatha Farmers Market has been a great success this year. I have heard nothing but positive feedback from not only the vendors but the patrons as well. We had a mixture of returning and new vendors this year so it will be interesting to see who have for next year. Our parking lots are full and people are parking on the streets. You will see how we have done on the attached budget. We now have applications ready to hand out for next year.

Splash a Smile 5K Fun Run/Walk: The Community Free Health Clinic had their 2nd annual Splash a Smile color run on September 20th. They have 250 in attendance from the 2,000 they had the previous year. The race went very well over all but wish they could have had a better turn out. 100% of the registrations went to support the Community Free Health Clinic's Dental Program. They are looking for other options to do next year to bring in more participants. This event has benefited the city as it has introduced many people to Clark Park and the Hiawatha area.

Playing for Keeps: This year the event will take place on October 18th, 2014 in the Hiawatha Community Center. This year we have Hy-Vee catering, Fleck Sales distributing beer samples and Cedar Ridge providing wine. We continue to get donations in as the event gets closer. If you can volunteer again this year please let me know and I will find a spot for you to help!

Hog Wild Days Council Approval: Council approved the dates of Hog Wild Days for 2015 and the addition to the \$1,000 damage deposit at the September 17th meeting.

Parks Update:

- We will be keeping the Cedar Rapids Toyota Truck until the beginning of October.
- Park rentals are nearly finished. The last rental listed is on October 18th.
- Council approved the inflatable policy change and the nonresident pavilion fee.
- All seasonals are done for the summer. Rick and Ted will be finishing up on the pavilions for the end of the year as well as Community Center up keep. Rentals are in full swing for the Community Center.
- The Parks and Streets Department are applying for the Alliant/Branching Out Grant that will be submitted November 1st. We are looking at adding additional trees to our parks in preparation of the Emerald Ash Borer.